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November 25, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 4, AND 5
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Ratify changes in work and accept completed contract work under the following construction contracts:

Project ID No. AED0000001 (Capital Project 69197) - Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area Slope Landscaping Project, vicinity of Baldwin Hills (2), Tropical Creations Incorporated, with changes in the amount of \$9,063.90, and a final contract amount of \$149,136.90.

Project ID No. FCC0000795 - Bond Issue 527, Line A and Private Drain 502, Line A and Line B Invert Repair, vicinities of City of Industry and Hacienda Heights (1 and 4), J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc., with changes amounting to a credit of \$45,386.17, and a final contract amount of \$563,794.28.

Project ID No. FMD0003044 - Catch Basin Cleanout 2003, South Maintenance Area, Unit 5, vicinities of Carson, Gardena, Hawthorne, Inglewood, and Lynwood (2), Travers Tree Service, Inc., with changes amounting to a credit of \$318.00, and a final contract amount of \$98,368.00.

Project ID No. RDC0014034 - Workman Mill Road Landscape, vicinities of City of Industry (1), Land Forms Landscape Construction Inc., with changes amounting to a credit of \$7,500.00, and a final contract amount of \$313,388.00.

Project ID No. RDC0014136 - San Pasqual Street Over Eaton Wash, vicinity of Pasadena (5), PK Construction, with a final contract amount of \$91,269.50.

Project ID No. RMD5546103 - Parkway Tree Trimming and Removal, RD 551 C and D, and RD 556 A and B - 2002/03, vicinities of Lancaster, Quartz Hill, Castaic, and Val Verde (5), George Salinas Tree Preservation, with changes in the amount of \$4,136.00, and a final contract amount of \$87,054.00.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

This action is to obtain Board ratification of Director-approved changes in public works contracts and Board acceptance of the work of the contracts in compliance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code. Included in the enclosures are project and contract data, the scope of work of changes to be ratified, and the work of the contracts to be accepted.

The Director of Public Works has been authorized by your Board to order changes in work up to \$10,000 for construction contracts. Changes to accommodate field conditions in order to meet the intent of the plans and specifications are not subject to this monetary limitation. Enclosed for your ratification are changes in work which I ordered for Project ID Nos. AED0000001, FCC0000795, FMD0003044, RDC0014034, and RMD5546103.

The projects have been completed, and it is recommended that your Board accept them on the dates indicated in the enclosures.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The acceptance of these construction contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since acceptance of these completed contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The modifications to the contract amounts range in value from a credit of \$45,386.17 to an increase in the amount of \$9,063.90, while the total values of the contracts range from \$87,054.00 to \$563,794.28.

Ratification of the changes in work and acceptance of the work of the respective contracts by your Board is in compliance with the acceptance and prompt payment provisions of the Public Contract Code.

Sufficient funds are available in the Board-approved appropriations for each of the respective projects to cover the costs of the changes and the total value of each of the contracts. Detailed cost breakdowns for each of the changes together with contract cost summaries are included in the enclosures.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Each of these contracts for the construction of public works improvements was awarded by your Board to the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with the California Public Contract Code, your Board's directives, and as recommended by the Director of Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The changes in the work as described above and in the enclosures are within the limits of the Board-approved projects and do not change any conditions which resulted in the original environmental findings.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Each contract provided that the contractor be compensated for changes in the work as a result of changes to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The costs of each of the changes were based on contract unit prices, time and materials methods, or were negotiated under the provisions of the contract specifications. The methods for arriving at the final costs of the changes are included in the enclosures.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Ratification of the requested changes and acceptance of the work of the contracts by your Board will ensure the timely closeout of the respective contracts, releasing Departmental and County assets for other construction-related activities.

CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

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PROJECT ID NO. AED0000001 (CAPITOL PROJECT 69197), KENNETH HAHN
STATE RECREATION AREA SLOPE LANDSCAPING PROJECT (in the vicinity of
Baldwin Hills), Supervisorial District 2

Contractor: Tropical Creations Incorporated, 5310 Circle Drive, Suite 204, Sherman
Oaks, California 91401

Project Description:

Slope preparation, planting, hydroseeding, and the installation of an irrigation system.

Changes in Work:

(1) Variations in Bid Quantities	\$1,413.90
(2) Additional 1-gallon Plants	4,320.00
(3) Herbicide Spraying	830.00
(4) Existing Irrigation System Troubleshooting	<u>2,500.00</u>
Total	<u>\$9,063.90</u>

Description of Changes:

(1) The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The increase in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities.

(2) Additional (240) 1-gallon plants were planted on the lower tier of the slope along La Cienega Boulevard in order to improve the appearance of this highly visible project.

(3) It was necessary to spray the lower terrace of the slope with herbicide to kill weeds which grew after the contractor's maintenance period ended. This work was not included in the original contract.

(4) A malfunction was discovered in the existing irrigation system when the new system was interconnected. It was necessary to have the contractor locate and repair the problem in order for the overall system to work properly.

The costs for Item 1 were based on contract unit prices. The costs for Items 2, 3, and 4 were negotiated as provided in Subsection 3-2 of the contract specifications.

Fourteen additional working days were required because of these changes.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on July 3, 2003, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$140,073.00
Changes in work authorized by Director of Public Works	<u>9,063.90</u>
 FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	 <u>\$149,136.90</u>

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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000795, BOND ISSUE 527, LINE A AND PRIVATE DRAIN 502, LINE A AND LINE B INVERT REPAIR (in the vicinities of City of Industry and Hacienda Heights), Supervisorial Districts 1 and 4

Contractor: J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc., 12874 San Fernando Road, Sylmar, California 91342

Project Description:

Invert repair of reinforced concrete pipe storm drains.

Changes in Work:

(1) Variations In Bid Quantities	(\$ 6,565.59)
(2) Renegotiate Price For Mortar Inlay	(39,209.43)
(3) Direct Tensile Pull Off Test	<u>388.85</u>
Total	(\$ <u>45,386.17</u>)

Description of Changes:

(1) The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The decrease in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities.

(2) The estimate overstated the quantity of mortar inlay. Because the actual quantity differed by more than 25 percent from the estimated quantity, it was necessary to renegotiate the cost for this item. The amount shown reflects the net credit to the contract.

(3) It was necessary to compensate the contractor for the cost to perform two Direct Tensile Pull Off tests in order to verify that adhesion of the bonding material to the storm drain invert is adequate.

The costs for Item 1 were based on contract unit prices. The costs for Items 2 and 3 were negotiated as provided in Subsection 3-2 of the contract specifications.

No additional working days were required because of these changes.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on September 3, 2003, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$609,180.45
Changes in work authorized by Director of Public Works	<u>(45,386.17)</u>
 FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	 <u>\$563,794.28</u>

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PROJECT ID NO. FMD0003044, CATCH BASIN CLEANOUT 2003, SOUTH MAINTENANCE AREA, UNIT 5 (in the vicinities of Carson, Gardena, Hawthorne, Inglewood, and Lynwood), Supervisorial District 2

Contractor: Travers Tree Service, Inc., P.O. Box 7000-416, Palos Verdes Peninsula, California 90274

Project Description:

Cleaning of approximately 9,310 catch basins at various locations in the south area of the County.

Changes in Work:

Variations in Bid Quantities (\$318.00)

Description of Changes:

The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The decrease in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities. The costs for these changes were based on contract unit prices.

No additional working days were required because of these changes. However, five additional working days were granted to the Contractor in order to complete cleaning catch basins added to the contract at the request of the City of Carson.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on September 30 2003, in accordance with the plans and specifications.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$98,686.00
Changes in work authorized by Director of Public Works	<u>(318.00)</u>
FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	<u>\$98,368.00</u>

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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014034, WORKMAN MILL ROAD LANDSCAPE
(in the vicinities of City of Industry), Supervisorial District 1

Contractor: Land Forms Landscape Construction Inc., 27601 Forbes Road, Suite 36,
Laguna Niguel, California 92677

Project Description:

Construction of an irrigation system and landscaping.

Changes in Work:

Maintenance of Landscaping (\$7,500.00)

Description of Changes:

Although the contract requires the contractor to maintain the new landscaping for a specified period, both the County and the Contractor agree that the maintenance can best be accomplished by other means. Therefore, this work is being deleted from the contract. The costs for these changes were based on contract unit prices.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on October 8, 2003, in accordance with the plans and specifications.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$320,888.00
Changes in work authorized by the Director of Public Works	<u>(7,500.00)</u>
FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	<u>\$313,388.00</u>

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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014136, SAN PASQUAL STREET OVER EATON WASH
(in the vicinity of Pasadena), Supervisorial District 5

Contractor: PK Construction, 2255 North Windsor Avenue, Altadena, California 91001

Project Description:

The replacement of the concrete barriers on San Pasqual Street Bridge over Eaton Wash.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on June 5, 2003, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The delay in forwarding this letter to your Board was due to the length of time required for the contractor to furnish the documentation necessary to close out the contract.

Final Contract Amount:

There were no additions or deletions to the original contract; therefore, the final contract amount for this project is \$91,269.50.

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PROJECT ID NO. RMD5546103, PARKWAY TREE TRIMMING AND REMOVAL,
RD 551 C AND D, AND RD 556 A AND B - 2002/03 (in the vicinities of Lancaster,
Quartz Hill, Castaic, and Val Verde), Supervisorial District 5

Contractor: George Salinas Tree Preservation, P.O. Box 84, Placentia,
California 92871

Project Description:

Trimming and removal of parkway trees.

Changes in Work:

Variations in Bid Quantities \$4,136.00

Description of Changes:

The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The increase in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities. The costs for these changes were based on contract unit prices.

Ten additional working days were required because of these changes.

Project Completion Date:

The contractor completed the project on September 25, 2003, in accordance with the plans and specifications.

Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$82,918.00
Changes in work authorized by Director of Public Works	<u>4,136.00</u>
FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	<u>\$87,054.00</u>

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